

KIMBERLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Patrons, Parents, and Employees of Kimberly Public Schools:

Asbestos, a material used extensively in the building industry from about 1940 through the mid 1980's. UNCONTROLLED asbestos contamination in buildings poses a significant environmental and public health problem. In 1986 Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) that required school districts to identify asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in school buildings, and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers. In 1987, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a regulatory program which enforces AHERA.

In compliance with those regulations, all school facilities in Kimberly were inspected by an EPA accredited building inspector. During those inspections the presence of asbestos was confirmed in several facilities of the Kimberly School District. All asbestos that posed an immediate hazard to students or staff was removed by an approved asbestos abatement program. There is still some asbestos containing material (ACM) within the school district facilities. **However, the ACM is in a form and condition that does not pose an imminent health threat to students or employees.**

With the confirmation of the presence of ACM, an Asbestos Management Plan was developed for the Kimberly Schools by an EPA accredited management planner. The Management Plan includes regular inspections and physical assessment reports, a training program for our custodial and maintenance personnel, plans and procedures to be followed to minimize disturbance of the ACM, and a program for regular surveillance of the ACM. Every three years, a re-inspection by an accredited inspector must be conducted on known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) to determine whether the condition of the ACBM or ACM have changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. The next scheduled re-inspection is spring, 2018.

The following buildings contain no asbestos-containing building materials; therefore, no operations and maintenance programs or future inspections are required in the Kimberly Middle School or the Kimberly High School. Since 1993, we have conducted a periodic surveillance inspection every six months to check the condition of the remaining asbestos and to determine if any additional action is needed. During 1989, ACM was removed or encased in the following district facilities: 1) Kimberly LA Thomas gym; 2) Kimberly Elementary School boiler room; 3) Kimberly Elementary School classrooms and hallways; 4) Kimberly Maintenance/Transportation Building; 5) The Kimberly School District lunchroom and 6) Industrial Technology Building. In the summer of 1998, floor tile and mastic containing asbestos was removed from the elementary school west hallways under an abatement plan carried out under procedures prescribed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

For further details on the locations of the remaining ACBM, or ACM, or on the district's asbestos activities, you are welcome to review a copy of the Kimberly School District Asbestos Management Plan in our administrative offices during regular business hours. Ted Wasko Jr., Maintenance/Operations Director, is the district's designated asbestos program coordinator, and all specific inquiries regarding our plan should be directed to him at 423-4170 x 3306.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent